

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

**P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2011 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – Present were, Ron Allen, Ralph Elligott, Stan Cronwall, Chris MacMahon, Kurt Dietrich, Darlene Berry, Bruce Armbrust, and Matt Digangi. Absent and excused were David Brambley and Peter Barton. A quorum was established.

Minutes – Kurt Dietrich presented the April 2011 minutes. A motion was made by Stan Cronwall, seconded by Chris MacMahon, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Correspondence – None.

Treasurer's Report – Darlene Berry reported 4/1/2011 – 6/9/2011 Treasurer's activity as follows:

Beginning Balance – \$4,364.04

Income – \$6,217.65

Expenses – \$8,511.46

Ending Balance – \$2,070.23

Money Market Account – \$18,492.26

Darlene stated that no accounting of the museum's quarterly payment of \$2,500 exists, and that the treasury is low. She asked the Board how they would like to account for future purchases. Nancy Humphries asked if there was accounting for the Impetus Agency. Darlene stated that she has the invoice. Ron Allen added that Meagan Noin has

performed her work pro bono. Ron Allen asked Frank Ackerman if the Museum could account for the quarterly payment. Frank stated that it is possible.

A motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Kurt Dietrich. Motion seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion passed.

Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting – \$826 was approved for the reroofing of the Western Pacific caboose. Ron Allen stated that the labor was donated by the roofer.

OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Darlene Berry stated that no one has met with Martin Jones, CPA. Ron Allen stated that he will follow up.

Brick Sales Committee – Laning Clifford reported that two bricks have been sold during the past two months. A discussion took place regarding raising prices. Darlene Berry suggested posting brick information on Facebook. Laning stated that many organizations sell bricks for \$50-\$120. Barry Simcoe stated that prices should not be raised if sales are poor. Loren Jahn offered to create a display for brick sales.

Election Committee – Nancy Humphries presented two options for solicitation for resumes. One option is to print the invitation in the Sagebrush Headlight; the other option is to send individual postcards to the membership. Chris MacMahon, seconded by Bruce Armbrust, made a motion to print the invitation in the Sagebrush Headlight. Motion passed.

Finance Committee – No Report.

Fund Raising Committee – Bill Kohler stated that Travel Services of Nevada offered to share profits with the Friends, if we are willing to advertise their tours. A question was asked if the tour prices will be common between buying direct from the company, or through the Friends. Bill will provide additional information.

Bill recommended a joint advertising program between the Friends and the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. Ron Allen suggested contacting Candy Duncan, Carson City Convention & Visitors' Bureau, and perhaps seek advertising in the V&TRR coaches.

Bill asked if it was possible to set up a postmark cancellation for a McKeen car postcard. Stan Cronwall stated that the Postal Service should be able to do this without charge, as long as the Friends develop the cancellation artwork. Chris MacMahon, seconded by Stan Cronwall, made a motion to ask Bill Kohler to inquire with the USPS regarding their program.

Interpretive Committee – Loren Jahn stated that the Interpretive Committee painted the tunnel car.

Loren stated that the telegraph display is set up in the Wabuska Depot.

Loren stated that the brick sales display can be ready for the next steam up.

Membership Committee – Susan Allen (not present) reported the following membership levels as of June 1, 2011:

Seniors: 202

Individuals: 119

Family: 280

Senior Couple: 263

Sustaining: 68

Contributing: 20

Patron: 3

Life Time: 6

Student: 7

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 968

Membership Recruitment Committee – Stan Cronwall stated that the membership should do whatever it takes to retain memberships.

Matt Digangi, seconded by Chris MacMahon, made a motion to provide a complementary membership to Governor Brian Sandoval.

Operations – Motorcar – No Report.

Operations – Steam – Barry Simcoe stated that Memorial Day admissions increased year over year, 170%, with a ridership increase of 140%. The Memorial Day attendance was estimated at 720.

Promotions and Publicity – No Report.

Sagebrush Headlight – No Report.

Website Committee – No Report.

Youth Program Committee – Chris MacMahon stated that during the Carson City Rendezvous, the Youth Program interpreted a track crew, with the handcar. Ron Allen stated that they did an outstanding job, and was well received.

Symposium Committee – Kurt Dietrich stated that the Nevada Railway Symposium will be held in Ely, Nevada, September 23-25, 2011. Kurt stated that possible side trips may include the coaling station in Goshute, right-of-way tours along the Las Vegas & Tonopah, The Nevada Central, or the Eureka & Palisade. Information will be posted at <http://www.nvrys.com/> as it becomes available.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Museum Funding – No Report.

Upcoming Events – 4th of July & Father's Day Steam Trains.

Other New Business – None.

Board or Trustees Member Comments – None.

General Comments – None.

Adjournment – Matt Digangi, seconded by Chris MacMahon, made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary